

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph extending from page 5, line 7, to page 5, line 9, as follows:

Fig. 2 ~~is an~~ 2(a) - 2(c) are explanatory ~~view~~ views showing the manufacturing steps of a semiconductor device according to one embodiment of the present invention;

Please amend the paragraph extending from page 5, line 10, to page 5, line 12, as follows:

Fig. 3 ~~is an~~ 3(a) - 3(c) are explanatory ~~view~~ views showing the manufacturing steps of a semiconductor device according to one embodiment of the present invention;